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In re

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fees.

IN THE CLAIMS

Substitute the following claims for the corresponding numbered claims in the application.

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3. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Y is bond.
4. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_4 , R_8 , and R_9 are each, independently, selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, and heteroalkyl; and wherein R_3 is selected from hydrogen, lower alkyl, and lower alkenyl.
5. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R_{12} is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, heteroalkyl, arylalkyl, and heteroarylalkyl; with the proviso that when R_{11} is bond, then R_{12} and Z are optionally bonded together to form a cycle selected from the